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Workforce Trends

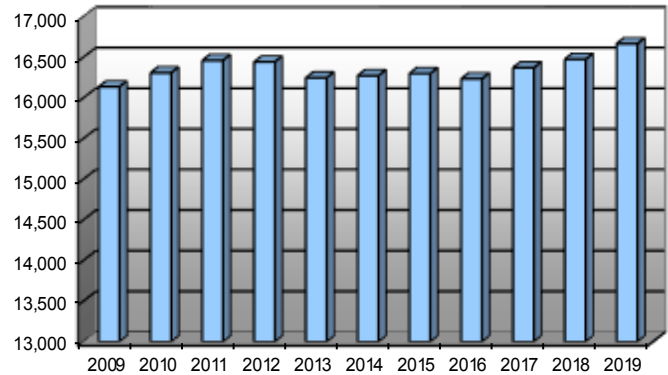
Population

Idaho County's population grew 3 percent from 16,138 in 2009 to 16,667 in 2019, while U.S. population grew 7 percent and the state's population grew 15 percent.

The slow growth has resulted in the county's population being relatively old. Many of the county's youth leave the area after high school, and are unable to return. Most newcomers to the county are retirees from other parts of the Pacific Northwest and California, drawn by the scenic beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities, and rural lifestyle.

The 2019 populations of Idaho County's incorporated cities were 3,237 in Grangeville, 940 in Cottonwood, 664 in Kooskia, 416 in Riggins, 232 in Stites, 162 in Ferdinand, and 95 in White Bird.

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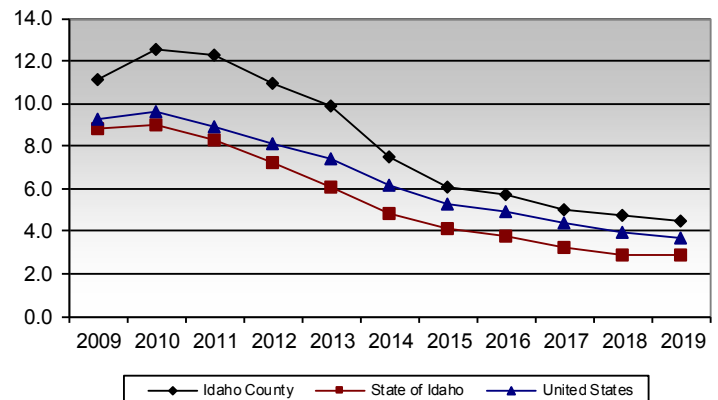
Labor Force & Employment

Idaho County's economy remains heavily dependent on forest products and agriculture. The U.S. Forest Service employs more than 300 people. One in eight of the county's private sector jobs is in logging or wood products manufacturing. Idaho Forest Group in Grangeville employs more than 160 people, making it the county's largest manufacturer.

Other manufacturers have expanded in recent years. The largest are Idaho Sewing for Sport and Advanced Welding and Steel in Grangeville, Pacific Cabinets in Ferdinand, and Uhling Products near Cottonwood.

Other large employers include the hospitals in Cottonwood and Grangeville, Seubert Excavators, the Bureau of Land Management in Cottonwood, and the state prison on Cottonwood Butte.

Unemployment Rates



Although graced by mountains, forests and rivers, the county is just beginning to fully tap its tourism potential. Its lodging, restaurant, and tourist shops have become more sophisticated over the last 20 years.

Aging of the population led the health care sector to grow steadily over the last 10 years..

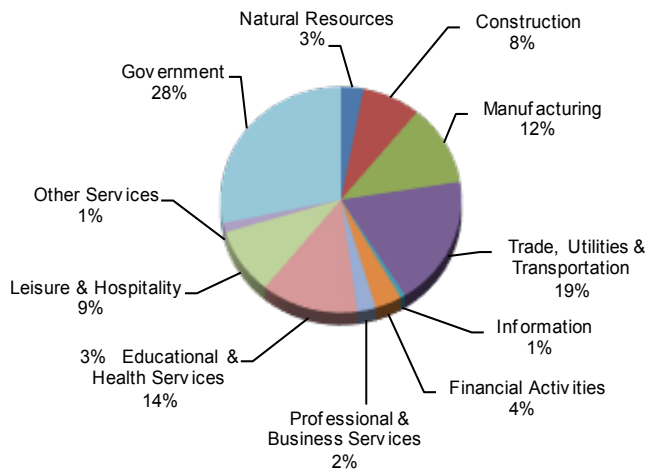
Labor Force	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	6,617	6,715
Total Employment	6,302	6,332
Unemployed	315	383
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.8	5.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	7,358	6,654	6,686	6,650	6,583	6,486	6,397	6,352	6,310	6,433	6,563
Unemployment	817	830	824	728	653	486	390	360	314	305	298
% of Labor Force Unemployed	11.1	12.5	12.3	10.9	9.9	7.5	6.1	5.7	5.0	4.7	4.5
Employment	6,541	5,824	5,862	5,922	5,930	6,000	6,007	5,992	5,996	6,128	6,265

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



Economic Development

The Ida-Lew Economic Development Council is the nonprofit organization that recruits new businesses, help existing businesses expand and otherwise strengthens and diversifies the economic base of Idaho and Lewis counties. It promotes the area's low costs of doing business, favorable business climate and quality of life.

It also is working with local businesses and school districts to improve workforce training.

Major Employers

Advanced Welding & Steel
Grangeville Health & Rehabilitation
Idaho Forest Group (mill)
North Idaho Correctional Institution
Pacific Cabinets
Salmon Rapids Lodge
Seubert Excavators Inc.
St. Mary's Hospital (Cottonwood)
Syringa General Hospital (Grangeville)
U.S. Forest Service

North Central Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerk	\$14.82	\$19.52
Carpenters	\$15.70	\$24.76
Cashiers	\$9.11	\$10.89
Construction Laborers	\$12.22	\$16.24
Cooks, Restaurant	\$10.44	\$12.38
Fallers	\$20.44	\$34.33
Nursing Assistants	\$11.85	\$13.77
Registered Nurses	\$23.86	\$33.02
Retail Salespersons	\$9.48	\$13.45
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$12.40	\$16.30
Security Guards	\$9.81	\$12.94
Teachers, Elementary	\$31,479	\$47,405
Teachers, Secondary	\$36,713	\$49,451
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$16.75	\$27.01

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2009, 2018 & 2019	2009		2018		2019	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	4,237	\$29,348	4,264	\$36,169	4,364	\$37,355
Agriculture	123	\$23,332	129	\$32,266	126	\$34,057
Mining	67	\$36,477	76	\$47,270	76	\$50,019
Construction	304	\$26,018	319	\$34,462	336	\$36,902
Manufacturing	350	\$39,702	460	\$43,584	500	\$46,153
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	788	\$28,490	794	\$32,776	802	\$32,927
Information	44	\$27,190	27	\$34,743	26	\$36,443
Financial Activities	169	\$28,315	153	\$38,380	152	\$41,593
Professional and Business Services	73	\$46,372	100	\$41,770	107	\$39,980
Educational and Health Services	603	\$26,301	562	\$34,642	562	\$34,906
Leisure and Hospitality	385	\$10,333	371	\$13,384	407	\$13,331
Other Services	87	\$15,512	64	\$22,923	57	\$26,442
Government	1,243	\$35,551	1,211	\$43,416	1,214	\$45,294

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Idaho County	\$25,593	\$25,650	\$27,002	\$28,689	\$29,869	\$30,701	\$32,232	\$32,229	\$32,903	\$35,122
State of Idaho	\$31,186	\$31,957	\$33,515	\$35,188	\$36,200	\$37,896	\$39,857	\$40,670	\$42,094	\$43,901
United States	\$39,284	\$40,546	\$42,735	\$44,599	\$44,851	\$47,058	\$48,978	\$49,870	\$51,885	\$54,446

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